

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are pending in the instant application.  
Claims 9 and 12-22 have been previously cancelled.

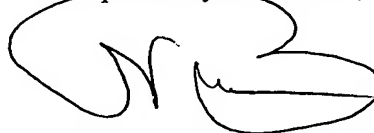
**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Office Action has rejected claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nordeen et al. (US 6,022,440) in view of Thomas et al. (US 4,456,570). This rejection is respectfully traversed as it would apply to the claims as presently presented.

As a result of the method defined in Claim 1, an imaged receiver sheet is laminated to the pre-laminated receiver stock, thereby encapsulating the representative image between first and second thermoplastic layers, thereby encapsulating the image between the thermoplastic layers and removing the second support layer to form a pre-press proof on a plasma etched sheet of plastic material.

The prior art of record does not disclose an image encapsulated between thermoplastic layers. Thus, the references do not singularly or collectively disclose the limitations of the claims of the present invention. Therefore, it is believed that the claims are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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